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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed March 14, 2002 (copy enclosed), enclosed is a Declaration signed by the inventor in connection with the above-referenced patent application. A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the required fee for the late filing of a Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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